

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE USED IN ESTABLISHING A LAKESHORE PERIMETER; AMENDING SECTION 75-7-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 75-7-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-7-203. Change in definition of lake or lakeshore by local government. A local governing body may by resolution;

(1) change the minimum size in the definition of a lake so that this part may apply to natural lakes in the county no smaller than 20 acres in water surface area; and

(2) increase the distance in the definition of a lakeshore to protect public health, safety, and welfare by using peer-reviewed scientific studies as the basis for the decision."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to permits received after [the effective date of this act].

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